from Southern Water

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DSA000058389

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Use of building as offices and provision of parking for 10 cars. (Retrospective).
Site: Nyetimber Farm, Gay Street, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 2HH.

Thank you for your correspondence. Please see our comments below regarding the above planning consultation application.

Existing Southern Water Assets – General within boundary but no tree, buildings, assets within standoff distance (approximate)

Please see the attached extract from Southern Water records showing the approximate position of our existing sewer and water main assets crossing/in the vicinity of the development site. The exact position of the public assets must be determined on site by the applicant in consultation with Southern Water before the layout of the proposed development is finalised. To get in contact to confirm the exact position of the asset please visit;
https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/ph4fk3pe/ds-location-of-rising-mains_pb.pdf.
For information on required stand-off distances from public sewers please refer to:
https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/st5orjvm/stand-off-distances.pdf

Proposed SUDS features

If it is the intention of the developer for Southern Water to adopt the proposed SuDS, the system shall be designed and constructed in line with the Design and Construction Guidance www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/.

No Soakaways should be connected to the public surface water sewer.

The supporting documents make reference to drainage using Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Where SuDS form part of a continuous sewer system, and are not an isolated end of pipe

SuDS component, adoption of SuDS will be considered if requested by the developer if they comply with: Design and Construction Guidance (Appendix C), CIRIA guidance and Southern Water SuDS Guidance available here:
https://www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/

https://www.ciria.org/ItemDetail?iProductCode=C753F&Category=FREEPUBS

https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/l4ndl3db/suds-final-080824.pdf

Where SuDS rely upon facilities which are not adoptable by sewerage undertakers the applicant will need to ensure that arrangements exist for the long-term maintenance of the SuDS facilities. It is critical that the effectiveness of these systems is maintained in perpetuity. Good management will avoid flooding from the proposed surface water system, which may result in the inundation of the foul sewerage system.
Thus, where a SuDS scheme is to be implemented, the drainage details submitted to the Local Planning Authority should:

- Specify the responsibilities of each party for the implementation of the SuDS scheme.
- Specify a timetable for implementation.
- Provide a management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development.

This should include the arrangements for adoption by any public authority or statutory undertaker and any other arrangements to secure the operation of the scheme throughout its lifetime.
This initial assessment does not prejudice any future assessment or commit to any adoption agreements under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

Proposed Disposal to ground from package treatment plant

The Environment Agency should be consulted directly by the applicant regarding the use of a private wastewater treatment works which disposes of effluent to sub-soil irrigation.

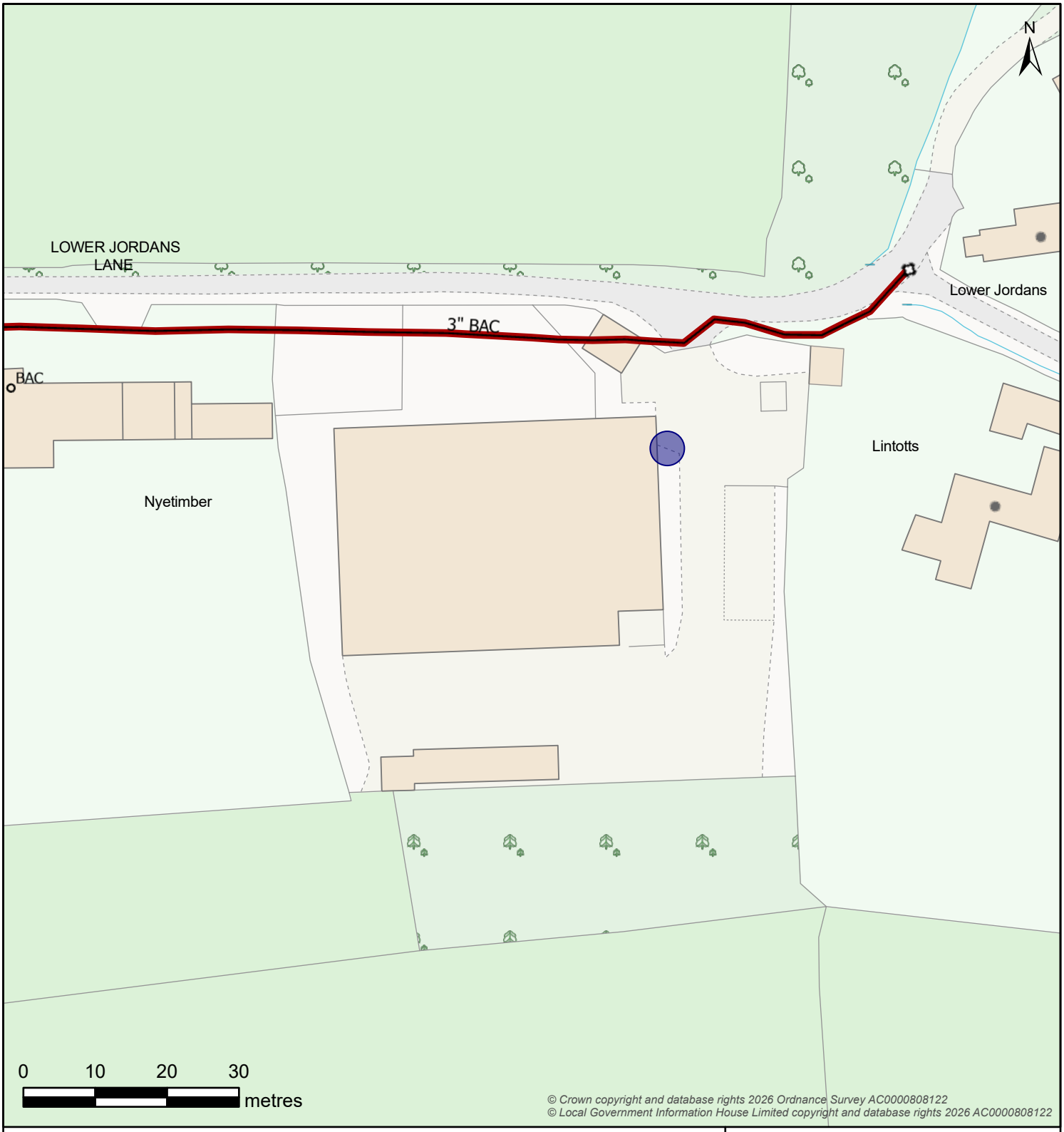
Due to legislative changes effective from 1st October 2011 regarding the ownership of sewers, it is possible that a sewer now deemed to be public could be crossing the development site. Therefore, should any sewer be found during construction work, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its ownership before any work commences on site. If this happens, please call our Customer Service Desk on 0330 303 0119.

For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (Tel: 0330 303 0119).

Website: southernwater.co.uk or by email at: SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk

Yours faithfully,
Future Growth Planning Team
southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/planning-your-development

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Controllable Valve
Damboards | Penstock | Valve

Flow Control
Anti Flood Device | Pumped Anti Flood Device | Reflux Valve

Inlet-Outfall
Inlet | Outfall

Manhole
BIF Bifurcation | Cascade | CP Catchpit | Head Of Public Sewer | IC Interceptor Chamber | Manhole | S Soakaway | WO Washout

Outfall Headworks
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Overflow Chamber
CSO Combined Sewer Overflow | EMO Emergency Overflow

Pipe Bridge
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Pumping Station
Micro Pumping Station | Pumping Station

Sewer Level Monitor
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Storage
Storm Tank | Tidal Storage Tank

Treatment Works
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Weir
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Wastewater Site
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Wastewater Pipe
Culverted Water Course
Drain
Outfall
Overflow
Rising Main
Sewer
Syphon
Tank Sewer
Trunk Sewer
Vacuum Main
Decommissioned Pipe

Wastewater Use
Foul
Combined
Sludge
Treated Effluent
Surface Water
Private

Developer Services
Build Over Agreement | Section 104

Wastewater Area
Catchment
Sub-Catchment

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